

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 23, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Present: Tom Costley, Chairman, Jane B. Allen, David A. Rempell, Thomas E. Sheldon
Absent: Ronald Turbin

Others Present: Tim Kaiser, Debby Dane, Marge Chamberlain, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT: None

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: November 9, 2009 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the November 9, 2009 minutes. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 3-0-1 with Ms. Allen abstaining.

3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

- A.** WilliNet Annual Report – Deborah Dane submitted the WilliNet Executive Director's 2009 Report to the Selectmen. Ms. Dane said WilliNet continues to increase both the local and locally sponsored national programming. Their cablecast resulted in 100 live broadcasts that have repeated 30 times on an average. Local organizations, schools, youth and individuals produced 462 programs. This fall WilliNet began to upload all Municipal and School Committee meetings to their website so that the programs can be watched anytime. WilliNet received another Williamstown Elementary School Endowment Grant to repeat the three-week course "Bears, Bergs, and Bolts" to the entire sixth grade. The course teaches students how to use iMovie for school reports and projects. The course was taught in the first few months of school so students could use these skills throughout the coming year. WilliNet's hiring committee has hired David Finer to fill the position of Production Manager's position formerly filled by Edward Cating. He brings fifteen years experience in PEG access television, working in the eastern part of the state. Ms. Dane said that the Time Warner cable television contract will be up in August of 2011 and asked that Selectmen vote to increase the percentage of profits of gross cable receipts that are paid quarterly to WilliNet from 4% to the maximum amount of 5%. WilliNet needs new cameras, lighting for the studio, software updates and the ability to keep two three-quarter time employees working.
- B.** Clean Energy Choice Community Matching Grant – Public Works Director Tim Kaiser explained that the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Final CEC Matching Grant Agreement needs to be signed in order to receive a matching grant to the money generated from residents who participated in Clean Energy Choice matching funds. Mr. Kaiser noted that \$65,000 was allocated at the 2009 Town Meeting to match a stated funded program for a larger photovoltaic system on the roof of the DPW building. However, those funds ran out and the project had to be downsized. The change order decreased and the system was downsized. Mr. Kaiser expects that the project will be done by the end of the month. Ms. Allen moved that Chairman Costley sign the Agreement. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. 2010 License Renewals #2

A-Frame Baker, 1194 Cold Spring Road, Sharon Sutter, Owner
Spice Root, 23 Spring St., Tarun Narula, President
Waubeeka Golf Links, 137 New Ashford Road, Mark Mills, Manager
The Orchards, 206 Adams Road, Charles Scott, Manager
TJ Warren, 824 Simonds Road, Thomas J. Warren, Treasurer/Owner
Cozy Corner Restaurant, 850 Simonds Road, Rebecca Alimonos, Manager
Wild Oats Cooperative, 320 Main Street, Michael Faber, Manager
Williams Inn, 1090 Main St., Carl Faulkner, Manager

Mr. Rempell moved to approve the above license renewals (see attached). Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. LICENSES & PERMITS:

A. Common Victualer License – New (2009)

A-Frame Bakery, 1194 Cold Spring Road, Sharon Sutter, Owner

B. Live Music – New 2010

Wild Oats Cooperative, 320 Main Street, Michael Faber, Manager

Mr. Rempell moved to approve the requests from A-Frame Baker and Wild Oats Cooperative as noted above. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: Attached report. In addition, Mr. Fohlin noted Charles Austin, former water and sewer superintendent, passed away November 7. Mr. Austin had worked for the Town for 31 years when he retired in 1984.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Rempell noted the professional job the public works department did on the Spring Street sidewalk project. He said there was minimal disruption to the foot traffic. He thanked the public works employees for all of their work.

Ms. Allen read aloud a paragraph from a book about Williamstown's first two hundred years, regarding cemetery rates and the Town's two hearses. The Town finally relinquished their cemetery hearse services in 1895.

8. ADJOURN: Mr. Rempell moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next two Selectmen Meetings are Monday, December 14, 2009 and Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Sheldon, Secretary